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Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky  
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FROM: Dean C. Logan,  Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

**NOTIFICATION OF ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION OF AGREEMENT #73635 WITH PREMIER ELECTION SOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENT #76010 WITH DATA INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TO ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, INC.**

This is to provide your Board with information relating to the assignment and delegation of two contracts that have been approved by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk ("RR/CC"). As you may be aware, Premier Election Solutions (Premier) and Data Information Management Systems (DIMS), both wholly owned subsidiaries of Diebold, Inc. have been sold to Election Systems & Software (ES&S). The RR/CC, upon review and evaluation of required documentation, has concluded that ES&S has the capabilities to meet the needs of the County and fulfill the contract.

Pursuant to the delegated authority extended this office in the Board approved contracts, which allow for the initiation of change notices that do not affect the scope, term, contract sum or payments under the Agreements, the RR/CC submitted for signature, Change Notice Number 12 and Change Notice Number 2 to the contractors to effectuate the assignment and delegation of Agreement Numbers 73635 and 76010, respectively. ES&S has reviewed and accepts both Agreements in their entirety. The Change Notices recognize the change in parent company only; and all other terms and conditions of the Agreements shall remain unchanged.

Agreement Number 73635 with Premier is for vote-by-mail ballot material processing services. Agreement Number 76010 with DIMS provides system licensure, maintenance and support services to the Voter Information Management System (VIMS) and for any future system enhancements legally mandated by the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and/or State of California law, regulation, or statute.

### Background Information

#### **Premier**

On September 4, 2001, your Board adopted a competitively bid three-year contract with two one-year renewal options with Global Election Systems, Inc to provide services to automate the processing of VBM ballots. In 2003, Global Election Systems, Inc. became a wholly owned subsidiary of Diebold, Inc. operating as Diebold Election Systems, Inc. (DESI). On July 31, 2007, your Board approved an amendment to extend the term of Agreement Number 73635 for three (3) years with two (2) one-year extension options. Later in 2007, DESI changed its corporate name to Premier Election Solutions. On October 23, 2009, Agreement Number 73635 was amended to reflect a two-year 6% cost reduction in return for a two-year contract extension as approved by your Board on September 15, 2009, pursuant to your Board's Contract Extension/Cost Reduction Initiative.

The automated VBM ballot material processing services contract provides for the expedited mailing of election materials and return processing of VBM ballots. The process includes the printing of voter specific data including a barcode on a custom return envelope; stuffing the ballot, printed materials, and return envelope (printed with the voter's specific information) in the outgoing window envelope; processing the returned ballots and capturing the VBM Voter Identification (VBM ID) so that the image of the voter's signature can be compared to the signature on the return envelope. VBM processing interfaces with the County's VIMS so that the signature images can be automatically retrieved in the same order as incoming envelopes. This allows comparing of signatures quickly without entering the VBM ID for each voter.

#### **DIMS**

On January 30, 2007, your Board adopted a sole source five-year contract with three one-year renewal options with DIMS, which developed and owns the proprietary VIMS software, effective February 10, 2007, for continued use of VIMS and maintenance and support services. VIMS is a database of all voter information, including precinct information, and enables increased reliability, operational efficiencies, improved service delivery and automated functions. The VIMS Agreement also allowed the Board-approved partnerships with the City of Los Angeles and the City of Long Beach for online access to VIMS which has helped to improve the quality of the voter data and pollworker and precinct data used by these jurisdictions and County.

### Conclusion

The assignment and delegation of the Agreements for VBM ballot material processing and the continued use of the VIMS system, including maintenance and support by ES&S, ensures the continuation of mission-critical services, uninterrupted service to VIMS which maintains the County's 4.3 million registered voter records, provide quality

voter, pollworker and polling place data, necessary resources for processing the high volume of VBM ballots, and will enable the County to meet functional, business, and legal requirements mandated by Federal and State laws.

There is no financial impact to the County as a result of the assignment and delegation of rights and responsibilities of these two contracts to ES&S.

c: Chief Executive Officer  
Chief Information Officer  
County Counsel